



Captive Wild Animal Report

February 2006

Human Fatalities:

- Tom Philips, male, age 80. Petting zoo employee was mauled to death while trying to capture an escaped black bear (below). Flora, IL. Spotted Acres farm, exhibitor (closed).

Human Injuries:

- Unnamed adult female. A zookeeper was bitten, losing part of her finger, while attempting to reward an adult male bonobo with a treat. Columbus, OH. Columbus Zoo, accredited zoo.
- Unnamed child, male, age 4. The boy was bitten on the hand after climbing a four-foot fence and approaching a cage with two bears. Both bears were euthanized. Richmond, VA. Maymont Park, exhibitor.

Animal Escapes:

- 1 black bear escaped from its enclosure, killing a zoo employee (above) before being shot (below). Flora, IL. Spotted Acres farm, exhibitor (closed).
- 1 Burmese python, Bessy, approx 8 ½ feet in length. Got loose inside an apartment building; recaptured one week later. Rexburg, ID. Private owner.

Animal Deaths:

- 1 black bear. Shot by deputies after escaping (above) from its enclosure and killing a zoo employee (above). Flora, IL. Spotted Acres farm, exhibitor (closed).
- Seven monkeys, six foxes, three alligators, an armadillo, parrots, fish and reptiles were among 100+ animals killed in a fire. Temperance, MI. Nature's Creek Zoo, exhibitor.
- 1 chimpanzee, Jake, male, adolescent. Died under general anasthetisia while being treated for injuries sustained during an altercation with two female chimpanzees. Chattanooga, TN. Chattanooga Zoo, accredited zoo.

Animals Confiscated:

- 1 African lion, age 7 months. Confiscated for illegal ownership and taken to Tiger Haven in Kingston, Tennessee. Snowflake, VA. Private owner.
- 2 wallabies, female, age approx 1 year. Found in a pickup truck bound for Mexico; turned over to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Falcon Dam customs station, TX. Unlicense dealer.

continued on next page



Captive Wild Animal Report

February 2006

continued from page 1

International Incidents

Human Fatalities:

- Guillermo Gonzalez, male, age 13. Crushed to death by an elephant after scaling multiple barriers to enter its enclosure. Asuncion, Paraguay. Asuncion Zoo, exhibitor.

Human Injuries:

- Unnamed male, adult. Bitten on the hand by an Asiatic lion while repairing a fence. Devon, United Kingdom. Paignton Zoo.
- Elma Posta, female, adult. The woman's finger was nearly severed by a lioness after she pet the animal through a fence. Klerpsdorp, South Africa. Shingalana Game Farm.

Animal Escapes:

- 1 Argentinian tegu lizard, Gonzo. Escaped from its tank and remained at large. Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom. Private owner.

Animals Confiscated:

- 83 animals, including 12 nationally protected species, were confiscated and a pet shop owner arrested. The seized animals include lizards, snakes, spiders, scorpions and tortoises. Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China. Dealer.